

Pearson et al. (High-Performance Liquid Chromatography of Proteins and Peptides, page 81-93 (1983)). As discussed above, the subject matter of claim 4 has been incorporated into the pending claims rendering moot the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of claims 1-3, 6, 8 and 11 and of claims 1-3, 6-8 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) are thus respectively requested.

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that anything further is desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below to schedule a personal or telephone interview to discuss any remaining issue.

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MARKED-UP CLAIMS 1 AND 5 SHOWING AMENDMENTS

1. A process for the isolation and/or purification of a proteinaceous material comprising the steps:
 - (a) providing an aqueous sample comprising a proteinaceous material,
 - (b) contacting the aqueous sample with a solid phase comprising a mixture of hydrophobic groups and hydrophilic groups on at least one surface thereof, wherein said proteinaceous material binds to said at least one surface, and
 - (c) separating off other sample components,
wherein the solid phase comprises solid particles having a diameter from ≥ 1 nm to ≤ 10 mm, wherein said particles are magnetic.

5. (Amended) The process of claim 1 [4], wherein the particles are paramagnetic or/and ferromagnetic.